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HAZEL GROVE AND BRAMHALL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

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HAZEL GROVE AND BRAMHALL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Council House,
Hazel Grove,
24th December, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Hazel Grove & Bramhall Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the following Report for 1940:-

1. Vital Statistics.

Estimated Population, end - 1940 (per Registrar General)... 19,210.

Births.

(a) Live Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Legitimate.	124.	131.	255	Birth Rate per thousand of population = 13.64.
Illegitimate.	2.	5.	7.	
	<u>126.</u>	<u>136.</u>	<u>262.</u>	

(b) Still Births.

Legitimate.	9.	2.	11.	Rate per thousand live and still births = 40.29 or 0.57 per thousand of population.
Illegitimate.	-	-	-	
	<u>9.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>11.</u>	

Total Live and Still Births.	135.	138.	273.
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Deaths.

(a) All Causes.	101.	108.	209.	Death Rate per thousand of population = 10.88.
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(b) Deaths from Puerperal
causes..... - - -

(c) Deaths of infants under 1 year.

Legitimate.	2.	4.	6.
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
	<u>2.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>6.</u>

Death Rate, All Infants, per thousand Live Births..... 22.90.

Death Rate, Legitimate Infants, per thousand legitimate
live births. 23.57.

2. Infectious Diseases, including Tuberculosis.

TABLE 1.

Disease.	Number of cases Notified.	Number removed to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria.....	40.	39.	1.
Scarlet Fever.....	13.	2.	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	2.	2.	-
Pneumonia.....	8.	1.	7.
Erysipelas.....	6.	2.	-
Food Poisoning.....	2.	-	-
Measles.....	299.	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	19.	-	-
Totals.....	389.	46.	8.

In addition to the above, the following cases of non-notifiable
Infectious Diseases were removed to the Hyde Isolation Hospital:-

Impetigo.....	2.
Scabies.....	1.

TABLE 2 - Cases of Tuberculosis and Mortality.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5 - 15 years	1	1	3	-	1	-	-	-
15 - 25 years	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 35 years	6	1	1	-	1	2	-	-
35 - 45 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 years	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
55 - 65 years	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 years & Over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	12.	4.	4.	-	5.	3.	1.	-

Measles was first notified in the District in March and until the end of August one or two fresh cases occurred nearly every week. At the beginning of September the disease began to reach epidemic proportions and in one week in mid-October, 72 cases were notified. As a result of the disease, Woodford School had to be closed for a fortnight. The infection was largely of a mild type, and there were no deaths.

Forty cases of Diphtheria were notified, one more than last year. The majority of the cases were in Hazel Grove and the part of Bramhall immediately adjacent.

3. Joint Drainage Scheme.

On 6th November, 1940, the joint drainage scheme for the areas of Cheadle & Gatley, Bramhall, Poynton and Woodford, was declared open by the Mayor of Manchester. The scheme as it affects Bramhall has involved the laying of over seven miles of sewers which in addition to superseding the main sewers laid down about 1890, has made provision for the future needs of the Parish of Woodford, recently incorporated in the Urban District, and also for the reception of sewage from the Parish of Poynton. It has had the effect of relieving the Ladybrook of the effluent from two sewage disposal works sewerage a population of 13,370. The sewage is now taken and treated by the Manchester Corporation at their sewage disposal works at Davyhulme.

4. Centralised Slaughtering of Meat.

As a result of the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940, of the Ministry of Food, all local slaughtering, with the exception of Messrs. Simpsons Limited at High Lane, was transferred to a Central Slaughter-house at Gordon Street, Stockport. Protests were lodged with the Ministries of Food and Health, as to the conditions of the place and it is expected that the premises will be improved considerably as the scheme proceeds.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours respectfully,

H.R. DUGDALE.

Medical Officer of Health.